



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, February 10, 2014

10:00 AM

Call to Order. (13-5130)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., and welcomed Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Commissioners Alice S. Petrossian and Gerda Govine, Ed.D. joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and 10:11 a.m., respectively.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt and Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 13, 2014. (14-0572)

On motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, this item was approved with the following corrections:

-Commissioner Charlotte Lesser clarified that she, Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez and President Veda E. Ward were those that volunteered to be part of the Nominating Committee.

-Page 3 Name correction from Clavrul to Clavreul.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, this item was approved.

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II. PRESENTATION

2. Presentation on the history of the City of Los Angeles' Commission on the Status of Women, and partnership opportunities, by Farrah Parker, M.A., Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women. (Continued from the meeting of December 9, 2013) (13-5224)

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued without discussion.

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III. REPORTS

3. Status report by Community Partners on 2013-14 co-sponsored events:

Christie Smith, Co-Chair, Department of Public Works' Women's Leadership Conference Committee

Ellen Eidem, MS, Director, Department of Public Health's-Office of Women's Health

Ronda L. Hampton, Ph.D., Co-Founder, REACH for Mental Health Awareness

Phyllis Walker, Foundation Trustee, Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley (14-0566)

Christie Smith, Co-Chair, Department of Public Works' Women's Leadership Conference Committee and Mary Villanueva shared an overview on the 4th Women Legacy Conference held on November 14, 2013 at the Pasadena Convention Center. There were 600 attendees coming from different County Departments, cities and the public. The theme of the event was "Inspiring Change". She also reported that Rosanna D'Antonio was promoted to Division Engineer. The speakers were Rosanna D'Antonio, Gayle Farber, 1st District Supervisor Gloria Molina, Lucy Jones, Margarita Perez, Ruth Wong, Dr. Linda Livingston and Martha Adams.

Ellen Eidem, MS, Director, Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health gave a brief overview of the following and responded to questions posed by the Commission:

- Health Indication for Women in Los Angeles County
- Event breakdown of the data to make the difference in women

- Able to secure more dollars to use the data and utilize for community outreach and train consultants as well as other ethnic communities.
- Leverage the left over dollars with Kaiser Permanente
- 7th Healthy Aging Partnership Event
- Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging

Ronda L. Hampton, Ph.D., Co-Founder, REACH for Mental Health Awareness shared their upcoming 5K Run/Walk event to be held on June 14, 2014 at South Hills High School in Covina. They are having a Tee Shirt Design Contest as well to be held on March 15, 2014. These events are being sponsored to help raise money to assist families in the search for their missing loved ones and to educate the public about what to do when someone goes missing. The vendors who will participate are Pacific Clinics, Team Amber, Cry Heard, Enki Family Services, Tri-City Mental Health, NAMI, Active Minds, East Valley Counseling, Salvation Army, REACT Team, Red Cross, Peas in their Pod, Girl Scout, Saving Innocence and GI Joe Rescue.

Ms. Hampton also responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Phyllis Walker, Foundation Trustee, Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley shared a brief overview of the organization, reported on program events held by Zonta and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

The following programs were highlighted in her overview:

- Girls Robotics (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Domestic Violence Advocacy Program
- Lifeforward Workshop Series for Women - a free workshop on Understanding & Filing Taxes to be held on February 15, 2014 at Savia Community Center, Newhall.

Commissioners Olivia G. Rodriguez, Charlotte Lesser, Alice S. Petrossian and Reiko Duba commented on this item.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. thanked all the presenters for their informative reports.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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4. Report on Gender Gap Data Needs for Los Angeles County, Stephanie Cubba, DPA, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mount St. Mary's College. (14-0564)

Stephanie Cubba, DPA, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mount St. Mary's College shared an overview of the Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California. The brief report covered demographics, education, employment and earnings, poverty, media, technology, leadership, physical/mental health, violence, incarceration and women in the military.

Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D. commented on this item on housing for single woman with children and with disabilities issues.

Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian commented on the supervisorial district issues and the juvenile camps for girls.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. thanked Ms. Cubba and Ms. Ream for their report.

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[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-2013 REPORT](#)

5. President's Report for February 2014. (14-0573)

President Veda E. Ward provided an overview of her report.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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6. Report on the Association of California Commissions for Women's Winter Retreat, Held January 17, 2014 at the Biltmore Hotel, by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez. (14-0670)

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez provided an overview of her report. Susan Rose spoke focusing on the dedication needed to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political, social action, educational activities and the crafted child care policies that former Councilwoman Joy Picus.

Commissioner Rodriguez noted the issues are on the data collection and that there is lack of women running for office.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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7. Discussion and approval of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's Needs and Assessment Survey, presented by President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. (14-0557)

President Veda E. Ward gave a brief overview of the data collection in the survey.

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser commented on this item.

Following discussion, on motion of President Veda E. Ward, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was approved and will be distributed at the Women of the Year Awards and Scholarship Luncheon.

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8. Report by Standing Committees:

Education Committee
Luncheon Committee (14-0578)

Education Committee

The Education Committee will be holding a conference call meeting on February 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Committee members were encouraged to participate.

Luncheon Committee

Chair Becky A. Shevlin reported that the Committee will meet immediately after the regular meeting. She reported Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D. will do the invocation, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. The National Anthem singer will be Maelyn Castro. The status of districts' commitment to the luncheon was reported. Kaiser Permanente confirmed as a sponsor for donating \$3,000 to the luncheon.

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, added Kaiser Permanente has agreed to be a Diamond Sponsor to the event.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul brought to the attention of the Commission, her request as to why a Women of the Year nomination of her was not selected. Staff was instructed to research her concern and report back to the Commission.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, this item was filed.

9. Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-0574)

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, reported that there is an Employee Code of Conduct packet, requested Commissioners to sign the acknowledgment page and return to staff. She shared with Commissioners samples of promotional items. Staff was instructed to work with President Ward to finalize and order promotional items. She concluded, noting that a payment to REACH will be going out today and will be reflected in the next Treasurer's Report.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

10. Commissioners' Announcements for February 2014. (14-0575)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser announced that Macy's has an ongoing promotion on Heart Awareness. She encouraged Commissioners to participate and wear "RED" for Heart Health Awareness.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin read an article on sex trafficking from ages 12 to 14 years old teens and she followed up by writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D. went to the workshop on human trafficking hosted by the Second Supervisorial District.

Matters Not Posted

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (Continued from the meeting of 1/13/14) (14-0143)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

- 12.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0576)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, Obamacare, and the Blue Ribbon Commission. She also added nursing shortages.

Commissioner Reiko Duba shared her ideas on nursing shortages by contacting the schools and find out what the requirements are to pass the examination and help the CW scholarship recipients by sharing those requirements.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was filed.

Adjournment

- 13.** Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, February 10, 2014. (14-0577)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.